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## Emergency Manager's Weekly Report 2-3-12

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**"Emergency Management - spanning the gap between 'it won't happen to me' and we're all going to die!"**

Author Unknown



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- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
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## Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

Mistrial for officer in Katrina shootings probe (Louisiana)

<http://news.yahoo.com/mistrial-officer-katrina-shootings-probe-013758242.html>

Disaster Forensics: What can electrical engineers learn from the world's worst natural disasters?

<http://spectrum.ieee.org/energy/the-smarter-grid/disaster-forensics>

Skype's Disaster Response Platform

<http://blogs.technet.com/b/microsoftupblog/archive/2012/01/25/skype-s-disaster-response-platform.aspx>

America's Crumbling Infrastructure Will Challenge Emergency Managers For Decades

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Crumbling-Infrastructure-Challenge-Emergency-Managers.html>

D.C. homeland security director resigns amid Thomas investigation

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dc-wire/post/dc-homeland-security-director-resigns-amid-thomas-investigation/2012/01/31/gIQAMQj9eQ\\_blog.html?wpisrc=al\\_lclpolitics](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dc-wire/post/dc-homeland-security-director-resigns-amid-thomas-investigation/2012/01/31/gIQAMQj9eQ_blog.html?wpisrc=al_lclpolitics)

State Civil Defense hires new vice director (Hawaii)

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/State\\_Civil\\_Defense\\_hires\\_new\\_vice\\_director.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/State_Civil_Defense_hires_new_vice_director.html)

Emergency planners score higher marks for recent snowfall (District of Columbia)

<http://www.wtop.com/?sid=2718063&nid=654>

Mark Ghilarducci has been appointed secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=17401>

Navy wants commando 'mothership' in Middle East

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/pentagon-wants-commando-mother-ship/2012/01/27/gIQA6rGWQ\\_story.html?hpid=z1](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/pentagon-wants-commando-mother-ship/2012/01/27/gIQA6rGWQ_story.html?hpid=z1)

How Fighting Terrorism Indirectly Affected the Food Supply

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Fighting-Terrorism-Affected-Food-Supply.html>

Thousands of Infrastructure Computer Systems are Online, Unprotected

[http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2012/01/26/thousands-of-infrastructure-computer-systems-are-online-unprotected/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A80beats+%2880beats%29](http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/80beats/2012/01/26/thousands-of-infrastructure-computer-systems-are-online-unprotected/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A80beats+%2880beats%29)

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'Extremist' speaker withdraws from West Point event after protests

<http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/30/10273196-extremist-speaker-withdraws-from-west-point-event-after-protests>

GAO Says More Detail Needed in DHS CBRNE Risk Assessments

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/gao-says-more-detail-needed-in-dhs-cbrne-risk-assessments/d9536d5b39186e008f7f10b73dff97f7.html>

The Curse of the White Powder

[http://www.slate.com/articles/health\\_and\\_science/science/2012/01/white\\_powder\\_hoaxes\\_a\\_trend\\_in\\_fake\\_terrorism\\_.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/science/2012/01/white_powder_hoaxes_a_trend_in_fake_terrorism_.html)

Congressman warns U.S. faces possible cuts in counterterrorism funding

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/01/congressman\\_warns\\_us\\_faces\\_pos.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/01/congressman_warns_us_faces_pos.html)

FBI Director Says Cyberthreat Will Surpass Threat from Terrorists

[http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2012/01/fbi-director-says-cyberthreat-will-surpass-threat-from-terrorists/?fb\\_ref=.TylaUiGYTXE.like&fb\\_source=home\\_multiline](http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2012/01/fbi-director-says-cyberthreat-will-surpass-threat-from-terrorists/?fb_ref=.TylaUiGYTXE.like&fb_source=home_multiline)

Iran, perceiving threat from West, willing to attack on U.S. soil, U.S. intelligence report finds

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/iran-is-prepared-to-launch-terrorist-attacks-in-us-intelligence-report-finds/2012/01/30/gIQACwGweQ\\_story.html?tid=sm\\_facebook](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/iran-is-prepared-to-launch-terrorist-attacks-in-us-intelligence-report-finds/2012/01/30/gIQACwGweQ_story.html?tid=sm_facebook)

Panetta: US to end combat in Afghanistan next year

[http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46226394/ns/world\\_news-south\\_and\\_central\\_asia/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46226394/ns/world_news-south_and_central_asia/)

Police: Teens Planned to Bomb School, Steal Plane (Utah)

<http://gma.yahoo.com/blogs/abc-blogs/police-teens-planned-bomb-school-steal-plane-231451553--abc-news.html>

County creates new emergency database for handicapped (Arizona)

<http://www.yumasun.com/news/emergency-76255-robinson-database.html>

What if we could predict tornadoes a month out? Scientists make strides

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2012/0127/What-if-we-could-predict-tornadoes-a-month-out-Scientists-make-strides>

Oakland assesses City Hall damage after Occupy break-in (California)

<http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/28/10260959-oakland-assesses-city-hall-damage-after-occupy-break-in>

2012 off to furious start in tornadoes

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/tornadoes/story/2012-01-30/january-tornado/52893512/1?loc=interstitialskip>

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Research shows rise in volcano dangers

<http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/environment/story/2012-02-01/deadly-us-volcanoes/52923094/1>

Officials: Radiation 'could have' escaped plant (California)

<http://news.yahoo.com/officials-radiation-could-escaped-plant-193523700.html>

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Awards \$6 million for Research Leading to West Coast Earthquake Early Warning System

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3041>

More winter weather, Punxsutawney Phil predicts (Pennsylvania)

<http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2012/02/02/more-winter-weather-ahead-punxsutawney-phil-predicts/>

New York Offers Up to \$1 Million to Help Boost Capabilities of Regional HazMat Teams

<http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/correspondents-watch/single-article/new-york-offers-up-to-1-million-to-help-boost-capabilities-of-regional-hazmat-teams/51d73907a0ae04a2bc30731fc5fa5c6d.html>

Questions loom over Costa Concordia disaster

<http://travel.usatoday.com/cruises/story/2012-01-26/Question-loom-over-Costa-Concordia-disaster/52808568/1>

Cruise ship survivors sue cruise line for \$460 million

<http://overheadbin.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/31/10278876-cruise-ship-survivors-sue-cruise-line-for-460-million>

Experts advise ending Concordia underwater salvage

[http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/31/world/europe/italy-cruise-ship/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/31/world/europe/italy-cruise-ship/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

Far-right Vienna ball sparks outrage on Holocaust Day (Austria)

[http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=CNG.10ca7123a4159c83da7576898740ccac.401&show\\_article=1](http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=CNG.10ca7123a4159c83da7576898740ccac.401&show_article=1)

Repeated drought in east Africa may prompt aid rethink

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328494.400-repeated-drought-in-east-africa-may-prompt-aid-rethink.html>

Resident defiant in Japan's exclusion zone

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/world/asia/japan-zone-resident/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/world/asia/japan-zone-resident/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

States with nuclear installations asked to prepare emergency planning zones (India)

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-01-26/india/30666554\\_1\\_nuclear-installations-development-plan-ndma](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-01-26/india/30666554_1_nuclear-installations-development-plan-ndma)

AidWatch - An aid system struggling to be ready, stay relevant

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/blogs/alertnet-aidwatch/an-aid-system-struggling-to-be-ready-stay-relevant/>

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Mayor to residents of evacuated Japanese town: Come home  
[http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world\\_now/2012/02/japan-earthquake-and-tsunami-nuclear-evacuation.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world_now/2012/02/japan-earthquake-and-tsunami-nuclear-evacuation.html)

Volunteering with victims of Japanese tsunami  
[http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/26/travel/sarah-ouden-volunteering/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn8](http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/26/travel/sarah-ouden-volunteering/index.html?hpt=hp_bn8)

Solar lamps replace toxic kerosene in poorest countries  
[http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/10/tech/innovation/solar-powered-led-lamps/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn7](http://edition.cnn.com/2012/01/10/tech/innovation/solar-powered-led-lamps/index.html?hpt=hp_bn7)

2 convicted in Norway of plotting terror attack  
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-01-30/norway-plot-danish-newspaper-muhammad/52882076/1?loc=interstitialskip>

Bus-Size Asteroid Buzzes Earth in Close Flyby  
<http://news.discovery.com/space/asteroid-pass-by-earth-120127.html>

Scientists: Haiti, DR may facing big quake period  
<http://news.yahoo.com/scientists-haiti-dr-may-facing-big-quake-period-023226753.html>

Search goes on for thousands of Japan's tsunami missing  
<http://news.yahoo.com/search-goes-thousands-japans-tsunami-missing-042601200.html>

Volcanoes May Have Sparked Little Ice Age  
<http://news.yahoo.com/volcanoes-may-sparked-little-ice-age-231006554.html>

Bird flu data should be kept under wraps, science panel says  
[http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/31/health/bird-flu-research/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/31/health/bird-flu-research/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

Super volcanoes 'may be predicted'  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-16834570>

100th Anniversary Inspires Titanic Marketing Blitz  
<http://news.yahoo.com/100th-anniversary-inspires-titanic-marketing-blitz-152022846.html>

World lacks enough food, fuel as population soars: UN  
<http://news.yahoo.com/world-lacks-enough-food-fuel-population-soars-un-151012418.html>

Floods, heat, migration: How extreme weather will transform cities  
[http://edition.cnn.com/2011/12/23/world/asia/climate-change-impact-cities/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn7](http://edition.cnn.com/2011/12/23/world/asia/climate-change-impact-cities/index.html?hpt=hp_bn7)

Australia culls ducks in bid to stop bird flu outbreak  
<http://news.yahoo.com/australia-culls-ducks-bid-stop-bird-flu-outbreak-054753369.html>

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Helicopters rescue Europeans stranded by snow

<http://news.yahoo.com/helicopters-rescue-europeans-stranded-snow-143022113.html>

The Most Dangerous Man in China

<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/around-the-world-abc-news/most-dangerous-man-china-031811739.html>

New U.N. draft resolution gives Syria 15 days to comply

[http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/01/27/new\\_un\\_draft\\_resolution\\_gives\\_syria\\_15\\_days\\_to\\_comply](http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/01/27/new_un_draft_resolution_gives_syria_15_days_to_comply)

Sean Penn named ambassador for Haiti in ceremony

<http://news.yahoo.com/sean-penn-named-ambassador-haiti-ceremony-014840479.html>

Argentina calls William Falklands 'conquistador'

<http://news.yahoo.com/argentina-calls-william-falklands-conquistador-222903411.html>

How climate change, urbanisation are changing disaster

<http://news.yahoo.com/climate-change-urbanisation-changing-disaster-110233362.html>

NASA: Global warming caused mostly by humans

<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/greenhouse/post/2012/01/nasa-global-warming-caused-mostly-by-humans/1>

Draft of Boulder County 'climate change preparedness plan' finished (Colorado)

[http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-county-news/ci\\_19786666?source=rss](http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-county-news/ci_19786666?source=rss)

Obama pushes clean energy theme in Nevada, Colorado

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/26/politics/obama-trip/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/26/politics/obama-trip/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

Taking the long view on the world's energy supplies

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328492.800-taking-the-long-view-on-the-worlds-energy-supplies.html>

Los Angeles CA Information Collection Assessment Team, Chile Earthquake After-Action Report

[http://emergency.lacity.org/stellent/groups/departments/@emd\\_contributor/documents/contributor\\_web\\_content/lacityp\\_015617.pdf](http://emergency.lacity.org/stellent/groups/departments/@emd_contributor/documents/contributor_web_content/lacityp_015617.pdf)

Central and Eastern United States Seismic Source Characterization for Nuclear Facilities Project Report

[http://www.ceus-ssc.com/project\\_report.html](http://www.ceus-ssc.com/project_report.html)

Potential Hazards from Future Volcanic Eruptions in California

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/bul/1847/>



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United Nations, Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future worth Choosing Report  
[http://www.un.org/gsp/sites/default/files/attachments/GSPReport\\_unformatted\\_30Jan.pdf](http://www.un.org/gsp/sites/default/files/attachments/GSPReport_unformatted_30Jan.pdf)

New National Weather Service Preview Website  
<http://preview.weather.gov/>

The Concordia: Recounting a Disaster: Photos  
<http://news.discovery.com/human/concordia-sinking-account-captain-120126.html>

U.S. Senate Hearing: Current and Projected National Security Threats  
<https://www.hsdl.org/?q=node%2F6646>

FEMA, Crosswalk of Target Capabilities to Core Capabilities  
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/prepared/crosswalk.pdf>

FEMA Blog, Success Story: Preparedness and a Community Storm Shelter Saves Lives  
<http://blog.fema.gov/2012/01/success-story-preparedness-and.html>

United Nations High-level Panel on Global Sustainability Website  
<http://www.un.org/gsp/>

Emergency Management Magazine Blog, Google Enters Public Alerting Arena  
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/alerts/Google-Enters-Public-Alerting-012712.html>

#### **Erica Frenkel: The universal anesthesia machine- Video**

What if you're in surgery and the power goes out? No lights, no oxygen -- and your anesthesia stops flowing. It happens constantly in hospitals throughout the world, turning routine procedures into tragedies. Erica Frenkel demos one solution: the universal anesthesia machine.

[http://www.ted.com/talks/erica\\_frenkel\\_the\\_universal\\_anesthesia\\_machine.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/erica_frenkel_the_universal_anesthesia_machine.html)

#### **Whole Community Approach to Preparedness: Presidential Policy Directive 8 / PPD-8: National Preparedness Webinars and Meetings (Page 30)**

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## U.S. News Reports

### Emergency Management

Could you survive an extreme weather disaster?

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/us/extreme-weather-prepare-for-worst/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn1](http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/27/us/extreme-weather-prepare-for-worst/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1)

Mistrial for officer in Katrina shootings probe (Louisiana)

<http://news.yahoo.com/mistrial-officer-katrina-shootings-probe-013758242.html>

Disaster Forensics: What can electrical engineers learn from the world's worst natural disasters?

<http://spectrum.ieee.org/energy/the-smarter-grid/disaster-forensics>

City unhappy as emergency notification system flops (Oregon)

[http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story\\_id=132764434648099300](http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=132764434648099300)

Ohio gets new software to better track emergencies

<http://www.fox19.com/story/16622837/ohio-gets-new-software-to-better-track-emergencies>

New Mexico Homeland Security director going to LANL

<http://www.kob.com/article/stories/s2461850.shtml?cat=516>

8 months after devastating tornado, Missouri hospital to be demolished

[http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/28/us/missouri-hospital-tornado/index.html?hpt=hp\\_bn1](http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/28/us/missouri-hospital-tornado/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1)

Skype's Disaster Response Platform

<http://blogs.technet.com/b/microsoftupblog/archive/2012/01/25/skype-s-disaster-response-platform.aspx>

FEMA says mining bill could cut federal flood insurance (Wisconsin)

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/fema-says-mining-bill-could-cut-federal-flood-insurance/article\\_72ed4420-4865-11e1-9757-001871e3ce6c.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/fema-says-mining-bill-could-cut-federal-flood-insurance/article_72ed4420-4865-11e1-9757-001871e3ce6c.html)

America's Crumbling Infrastructure Will Challenge Emergency Managers For Decades

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Crumbling-Infrastructure-Challenge-Emergency-Managers.html>

Coots relishes job as Crisis City manager (Kansas)

<http://www.sajournal.com/news/story/Frank-Coots-biz-vig-for-Sunday-Money--Jan--29--2012>

An Emergency Network for Natural Disasters

<http://newswire.uark.edu/article.aspx?id=17629>

Report: Edison Violated Safety Standards in Wind Storm Outages (California)

<http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-another-wind-storm.0,2297535.story>

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D.C. homeland security director resigns amid Thomas investigation

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dc-wire/post/dc-homeland-security-director-resigns-amid-thomas-investigation/2012/01/31/gIQAMQj9eQ\\_blog.html?wpisrc=al\\_lclpolitics](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dc-wire/post/dc-homeland-security-director-resigns-amid-thomas-investigation/2012/01/31/gIQAMQj9eQ_blog.html?wpisrc=al_lclpolitics)

State Civil Defense hires new vice director (Hawaii)

[http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/State\\_Civil\\_Defense\\_hires\\_new\\_vice\\_director.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/State_Civil_Defense_hires_new_vice_director.html)

Tsunami Shelter Developer, Brahman Industries, Receives Seed Investment From Estabrook Ventures to Develop Needed "Inland Life Boat"

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/tsunami-shelter-developer-brahman-industries-receives-seed-investment-from-estabrook-ventures-to-develop-needed-inland-life-boat-138365544.html>

CL&P makes changes in storm planning, preparedness (Connecticut)

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HHS issues medical surge guidance for healthcare systems

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### **Erica Frenkel: The universal anesthesia machine- Video**

What if you're in surgery and the power goes out? No lights, no oxygen -- and your anesthesia stops flowing. It happens constantly in hospitals throughout the world, turning routine procedures into tragedies. Erica Frenkel demos one solution: the universal anesthesia machine.

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### **Whole Community Approach to Preparedness: Presidential Policy Directive 8 / PPD-8: National Preparedness**

PPD-8 asks the whole community—including individuals, businesses, community- and faith-based organizations, schools, tribes and all levels of government—to work together to develop a national preparedness goal, a national preparedness system description, and a set of supporting frameworks, plans and guidance documents that will help the nation reach the national preparedness goal. As part of this initiative, the PPD-8 Program Executive Office (PEO) and its partners are hosting a series of webinars and in-person workshops in February and March of 2012 to engage the private and non-profit sectors in developing the National Planning Frameworks, which are due to the President on June 30, 2012.

#### Webinar and In-Person Workshops Objectives:

*February Events* – The February events are intended to collect *input* from the private and non-profit sectors to inform development of the first drafts of the National Prevention, Protection, and Mitigation Frameworks, and the revision of the National Response Framework. Each iteration of the February in-person events will follow a similar agenda, so we recommend choosing a date that works best for you. Input collected will be incorporated into the draft documents prior to their release for public comment.

*March Events* – The focus of the March events will be on reviewing and collecting *feedback* on a number of products, with a particular focus on the role of the private and non-profit sectors. Each iteration of the March in-person events will follow a similar agenda, so we recommend choosing a date that works best for you.

#### Registration:

Due to space limitations, attendees must pre-register for each webinar and in-person workshop. *Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.* To register, please email [PPD8-Engagement@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:PPD8-Engagement@fema.dhs.gov) with your name, email address, phone number, organization, and requested event dates.

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## WEBINARS

(Maximum Participants: 100)

### *February*

- February 6
- February 8
- February 15

### *Agenda*

Each webinar will last two hours and follow the same agenda, listed below.

15 minutes – Introduction

90 minutes – Discussion

15 minutes – Closeout and Next Steps

## IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS

(Maximum Participants: 115)

### *February*

- February 10     Homeland Security Institute
- February 14     American Red Cross

### *March*

- March 5             Homeland Security Institute
- March 15           Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- March 16           Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- March 22           Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- March 23           Immigration and Customs Enforcement

### *Locations*

*Homeland Security Institute*

*2900 S. Quincy Street*

*Arlington, VA 22206*

*American Red Cross*

*1730 E. Street, NW*

*Washington, D.C. 20006*

*Immigration and Customs Enforcement*

*500 12th Street, SW*

*Washington, D.C. 20536*

### *Agenda*

Each in-person workshop will follow the same structure and agenda, listed below.

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM     PPD-8 Overview Presentation
- 10:00 – 11:00 AM   Mission Area Presentations
- 11:00 – 4:30 PM     Mission Area Breakout Sessions

For more information, visit [www.fema.gov/ppd8](http://www.fema.gov/ppd8)

- [PPD-8 Webinar In-Person Workshop Series Flyer January 2012 .pdf](#)

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